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In re application of:

Pierre F. Indermuhle, et al.

Application No.: 09/759,106 ✓

Filed: January 11, 2001

For: MICRODEVICE AND METHOD FOR
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FLUID

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Sir:

In the Office Action mailed July 25, 2003, the Examiner restricts the claims into three Groups, Group I (claims 1-12), Group II (claims 13-16 and 23-26) and Group III (claims 17-22, 27 and 28).

In response to the Office Action, Applicants elect Group III, claims 17-22, 27 and 28, drawn to a method incorporating the use of probes and microdevice having fluid channels, for prosecution on the merits, with traverse.

An Office Action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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